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A Faithfull
REPRESENTATION

of the state of

IRELAND:

Whose bleeding Eye is on England for help.

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The *Horrid Conspiracy* Discovered; and most humbly presented to the Wisdom of Parliament for timely prevention, if not impossible.

Wherein it appears the Designe is laid at the Root of all the *Parliaments* Interest there, the *Adventurers Lands*, and the *New-English mens Lives*, (as they call them) as well as at the *power of godliness*, and of the present Government.

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Prov. 18. 17. *He that is first in his own Cause seemeth just: but his Neighbour cometh and searcheth him out.*

Job. 22. 30. *He shall deliver the Island of the Innocent, Or, The INNOCENT shall deliver the Island!*

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A Faithful Representation of the Affairs of Ireland, intended for the Parliament, February 21. before their new Force put upon them.

AS no Nation in the World hath gone thorough more stupendious Providences, and swifter Revolutions; So never any hath passed thorough more imminent Hazards and Menacing Whirl-pits then this poor Island; with such amazing and Miraculous Deliverances as the FINGER of the Lord hath written upon them; There is none like to THY GOD (O England.) Who rideth upon the heavens in thy help, and in his excellency on the skie! The ETERNAL God is thy Refuge! and underneath the everlasting ARMES, HAPPY art thou (O Israel!) who is like unto thee, O People! SAVED BY THE LORD! &c. The last whereof was not the Least, if not one of the GREATEST SALVATIONS that our eyes have seen from one of the most FATAL STROKES that

ever was given to a *Magistracy* in the Nation; by that unhappy and never-enough-dreaded *Interruption* of Parliament *O'Fober* last, Whereby a WICKET was opened (at least) to that *Wide & Dangerous Door* that the Common Enemy hath taken in the three Nations at this day; being never more stirring and acting to Retreive and Prosecute the Horrid Designe of *Sr. George Booth* then at this instant, which like a *Dismal Cloud* hath overspread us through the heat and benefit of those Distractions and Confusions that came upon us, importing the Greatest Calamity and Misery (without a Miracle of Mercy) that can be imagined or impendent, So that *had not the Lord been on our side, now may Israel say, if the Lord had not been on our side to save us, when men rose up (so fast) against us, they had swallowed us up* QUICK! long ere this. And particularly in poor Ireland, where the face of Affairs at this instant portend and promise all things for it, as near, yea very near affected, if the Parliament by their wonted *Wisdom* and *Courage* do not quickly interpose in it. Wherefore several of us, who (like *Job's* Messengers) are escaped at present (and more are following) to attend upon the *Parliaments* pleasure for a hearing, (on the behalfe of our selves and of thousands in that Nation of the Parliaments best and constant friends) are ready to make a most true Report of that Land, to discover the *Conspiracy* there afoot, to enucleate *Irelands* Lamentable Case from the Calumnies and most Cunning *Sophistications* of their (late) PERFECT NARRATIVE, but indeed ERRATIVE, and Collusion both in matters of Fact, and of Faith, being throughout most false, (put forth on purpose to delude the Parliament and Good people of

of this Nation, and to abuse their judgement;) and are ready to prove upon our perils (*sed bona fide*) every one of the ensuing *Particulars*, (and more too) very material to the *Parliaments* service as well as welfare of all *Ireland*, which we shall humbly submit to the judgement of Parliament, and to the most accurate scrutiny of any, or of all whether *Friends* or *Foes* in the *whole* Nation to draw their just *Conclusions* from, and to convince them of the *Deplorable Danger* thereof.

First, In that they openly and frequently Declared for a *Free Parliament*, that an *eminent Leader* of them did it at the head of the *Souldiers*, the *Souldiers* again reciprocally declared it to their *Officers*, that with this voice for a *Free Parliament* they rode about the streets of *Dublin* blandishing their swords, drinking healths to that purpose at their *Bonfires*, speaking contemptibly of this *Parliament*, making no such sign of joy when the post brought the News of their Return to their great Trust and Authority, being many of them struck with a great damp thereat, (who had rejoiced at their *Interruption*;) and many openly declared and avowed for the *King*, as at *Toughall*, *Mallowes* and other places, constantly drinking the *Kings* health. So that pag. 9. of their *Narrative* they fallacioussly represent the Case, in saying, they declared for the *Parliament*, and were mett with by the Acclamations of All; but never tell us for what *Parliament*.

Secondly, That they immediately armed, impowered and preferred such as were in *open Hostility* for the *King* against the *Parliament*, and such as at *Sir George Booths* rebellion manifested their eminent dis-affection to this *Parliament* and divers other

The Plot in Ireland laid.

1 For a Free Parliament & the King.

2 To Arme the Kings party, and put them into power.

Officers who fought under *Inchequeen* and *Ormond* against the *Parliament* are now in command, settled by them; and such as laid down their Commissions, and refused to obey the *Parliament* against *Sir George Booth*: All these are armed, in places of Command, and advanced, nor is it altogether inconsiderable the *over Compliance* of the *rest* and of the *Best* of them with the *single Person* upon all occasions and *transactions* which they can no wayes *palliate*, but with a poor and empty *Apology* for it, (p. 23, of their *Narrative*) that *it was no more then what was in the Generallity of the three Nations*, by which they detect themselves sufficiently, and what COPY it is that they intend to write after, *viz.* The *Generallity of the Nations*. But O Lord! Deliver not the Soul of thy *Turtle-dove* unto the *MULTITUDE*.

3 To imprison the Parliament's friends and turn them out of power.

Thirdly, That they have imprisoned many hundreds (not only *Field-Officers* and of the *Army* but) others of the best affected *English* to the *Parliament* in *Cities*, *Towns*, *Countreys*, *Ministers of the Gospell*, *Justices*, *Planters*, *Trades men*, and pious *Christians* that have ever given the greatest proof of their most *Cordiall adharance* and faithfulness to the *Authority* of this *Parliament* at all times, and never *Assed* any thing to the contrary, also in the *Militia* (as well as *Army*) such as declared their *adhering* to this present *Parliament* they have put out, and placed others in (and such onely) as suite better with some other *Designe*; yea, one of their *own* lately affirmed it, that in their *Concell of Officers* there is not (he was confident) five real and absolute for this *Parliament* or their *Interest*.

Fourthly, They have also otherwise disabled, and

and *disarmed* most of all the *Parliaments Friends*, and of the most approved fidelity and constancy (that we can hear of) in the whole Nation; exposing thereby the poor naked *English*, to the most merciless Rage of the *Native Irish*, not having wherewithall to defend themselves from them who watch but an opportunity to *slay* them; as in the case of *Captain Cornick* an honest peaceable man, lately set upon in his own house, (but himselve escaping) they fell to *siering*, burned up his *out houses*, and all his Corn in stacks, took away his Cattel to the value of five hundred pounds in all. So that from thence and some late execrable *Murthers*, the *Irish rebellion* may feare *de novo* by it; and that it will be but translated by an *English Alphabet of Characters*, if not speedily prevented; for,

4 To disable disarm and expose them to the *Irish* revenge.

Fifthly, Whiles they thus use the *English*, plunder and disarm the best *Parliament friends* in the whole Nation, they suffer all the *Parliaments professed Enemies* to keep their armes (as well *Irish rebels* as others,) and not only so, but deliver them more out of the *Parliaments Store* (with Amunition in abundance,) preferring *Inchequeens Officers* amongst them, and all that ever were for the King, and never served the *Parliament*, are permitted not onely to keep their *Armes*, but to furnish themselves with what more they will.

5 To Arme the very *Irish* Rebels.

Sixthly, To make it a deadly *feud* between the *English*, themselves (as well as the *Irish* and the *English*, they have newly distinguished them into Names of the *old Protestants* and the *New*; the *old* bandying themselves against the other, the *new English* as they call them, wishing their *throats* were cut; saying, they came to eat the bread out of their mouths (that

6 Keep up a feud between the old and the new *English* planters.

(that planted there, &c.) And the *Irish Papists* say they will rather subject to the *old Protestants*, then to the *new*, for the *Common prayer book* is the *masse* (they hear) *Englished*, & under them they shal have more *liberty*; But notwithstanding this promising compliance with the *old English*, they will quickly give them proof of an *insatiable revenge* upon all the *English*, when they have sufficiently weakened them with their divisions; and that their *Hydropick thirst* cannot be so easily quenched, but the more they drink, the more they wil desire, until they *exhaust* all into their own hands. Albeit at present, much of the *Armies conduct* is put into the hands of *old English*, *Episcopall men*, yet such they are, as ever have been and yet are most bitter enemies to the *Parliament* and our present *English Interest* there! And so may serve to *Act* the first part of the intended *Tragedy* in that Island. *The wicked watcheth the Righteous, and seeketh to slay him; but the Lord will not leave him in his hands, nor condemn him when he is judged;*

Seventhly, To make it yet more obvious; Many commissioned *Officers* and *Souldiers* that declared with them at the first, (when they pretended for this present *Parliament*, and that justified the *Authority* of this *Parliament* against that force and *Interruption* that was put upon them, are *dismounted* and *displaced* as not fit for their *designe*, but demurring their recession from the first *Declaration*, wherein they owned *L. G. L.* their *Commander in Chief*; and yet in their *Narrative*, p. 10, 11, 12, have they the confidence to front or face it for the service of the *Parliament*, and, p. 12. That they laid aside onely such as *opposed the Parliament*, or else of whose not acting against the *Parliament* they could not be satisfied;

fied; that is, as to perpetrate their *Designe*, & to Act with them upon a hazard, or at an Adventure, as to what they would have done. For the *Honourable Commissioners of Parliament* themselves might have had their Liberty after all, if they would have engaged to them and acted with them in their *Designs*, which (they declining) set some on fire upon an unjust impeaching and devising a charge against them, according to that dangerous *Maxime*, *That bad Actions must be ever seconded with worse*, and better never begin then not carry on, what ever it cost them: the truth is as the prophet complained, *he that departeth from iniquity maketh himself a P R E T*, whilst the vilest of men and of the most debauched practises are promoted by them, both Officers and Souldiers, who serve their turns best: and the wicked will walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

Eighthly, This will yet appear more evidently or suspiciously, by their raising of men anew, in listing the very *Papists*, and other Forces after they knew the *Parliament* were sitting, without regarding their direction; posting up *Papers* in publick places at *Dublin*, to invite all that would to come in and list, and they should have pay, but that none who were listed by *L.G.L.* should have pay with the rest of the Souldiers without further Orders; And not onely in receiving *Irish* Rebels and *PAPISTS*, and listing them, but in casheering those that would not own a *Free Parliament*: All this too when all things were in a very quiet, serene and peaceable posture in Ireland.

Ninthly, Their summoning a *Convention*, to doe the work of a *Parliament*, to raise them monies in a way of *Loan*, preparing the *Elections* with persons

8 Listing *Papists* after the *Parliament* sat again.

9 Summoning a kinde of *Parliament* by their Arbitrary power.

most propense and responfable to their ends, who are Elected, and in a readinesse to fit when they please; nor hath their present Council, *or Committee of Safety*, whereof Sr. J. Barry holds the Chair a much better *Aspect*, witnesse his speech so full of asperity and reflection upon this present Parliament; But that the *Interruption* of the Parliament might be no longer a cover upon this Conspiracy, some are ready to prove the *Plot* was laid before the *Parliament* was interrupted, though executed after, and with more applause.

30 Declaring
for themselves
and that they
will stand up
on their own
Leggs.

Tenthly, They have (a many of them) openly declared, that if their application to this *Parliament* prove not propitious to their desires and designs, they will, as they are a *distinct Island*, keep up an *Interest distinct* from *England*, and stand upon their own *Legs*, (as they say) deeming themselves able to subsist without a dependance upon this Nation; and seeing the Ports are all their own, they the less fear, or value *England*, who can have no landing place, but by their permission and leave.

31 Striking at
the power of
godlinesse in
all under the
Notion of A-
nabaptists and
Secfaries.

Eleventhly, This *conspiracy* strikes at the very *Power of Godlinesse* in all judgements whom they brand with the name of *Anabaptists*! is too notorious, dismounting Officers and Souldiers meerly for their Religion. The people of God, whether *Presbyterians*, *Independants*, or others are generally threatened, some with *Death*, and others with *Exile*! Godly Ministers some imprisoned (and yet no *Anabaptists*) some put out of the *Publick*, and exploded *Episcopals* placed in their roomes. A Souldier coming to the Ministers house of *Castle Dermond* ran his pike at him; and called him *Anabaptist*, told him that he would have his coat off his back shortly.

ly: and had he not withdrawn himselfe (says) the Souldier had killed him at that present, and yet that Minister is no *Anabaptist*, but Godly and Orthodox. So, that night the *Castle* was surpris'd, they made their Bonfires, and threatning to fire divers habitations of Godly men, cast up their sticks with fire upon their houses, threatening to burn them to the very ground, and at their Bonfires, as they drank healths to *C. Stuart* so also to the confusion of all the *Anabaptists* (accounting *Presbyterians* and all such) reputed those *Anabaptists* that pray in their Families.

Twelfthly, The *Adventurers* lands, are all threatned, and they in hopes to divide againe by lot, upon a new *Adventure*, on what they injoy; They say, there will be enough to pay their *Armies* bravely, when those lands lie all sequestred to their use and service; and when the *whole land* lies before them; some of them have said, the *Adventurers* estates shall pay for it, as well as the *Souldiers* lands allotted for *Arrears*, whom they call (*in contempt*) the *New English*; and wish that their *throats* were all cut. Whereby all men may see how much they are concerned in this *Irish conspiracy*, and how preliminary it is (if the *Almighty* prevent us not with mercies) to another *Rebellion*! But because the Lord has as precious People in that Nation as any are in the whole World, dear to him and in *Covenant* with him! Sound in the Faith! And sanctified through the Truth! We would yet hope! yet he will not give their increase to the caterpillars, and their labour to the Locust; yea that they shall not build and another inhabit! They shall not plant and another eat! They shall not labour in vaine, nor bring forth for trouble: For they are the seed of the Blessed of

12 Threatning the Estates of all late *Adventurers*.

the Lord, and their off-spring with them.

This Succinct Representation of the Irish Affairs and our fears, not without some preponderation, fusing affections, weeping eyes, and aking hearts, over hundreds of families (in that almost lost *Iſland*) did we humbly intend to tender to the *Parliament's* service and consideration, before the *bridge* be quite drawn up, or it be too late. In which, as (we know) we have the eyes of many upon us, so the hearts and prayers of many with us, of the faithfull of the land, who labour with the Lord (day and night) with sighs & groans for deliverance! that our most worthy and renowned *Patriots* in Parliament, might recover a dying Nation! Secure our Rights and just Liberties, from the invasion of others, and of opposite interests; (who are prompted by lust and ambition)! Preserve our lives, lands and families from these Arbitrary foundations and excentrick Actings, which threaten to devour all at once! Maintaine and countenance us in the power of *Godliness* and Holiness at the Worship of our God, according to what is revealed unto us in his *Word*! Which we do (and desire from our very Souls to) make the rule of all our *ways* and *actings*! And give us but an equal encouragement, and being with others (after all our *Blood*! Travels, (Skulls, Bones of others) *hazards* and expences of our selves) during our peaceable and honest comportment, having never forfeited in the least the *claime* we make unless our constant *Adhering to the Parliament* hath done it. Wherefore seeing *Jehovah* himselfe hath founded the earth by *WISDOM*, and by *UNDERSTANDING*, hath established the *Heavens*, and without right understanding of the *state of things* there, it is impossible to
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establiſh the *Peace* and *Proſperity* of that *unhappy Nation*, ſo proclive and incident (in its very *Climate*) to turbulent Motions and impetuous fluctuations, we once again cry out for *help* ! All hands ! All hearts ! And heads to ſave us ! As the *Hebrews* were ſaved in the dayes of *Mordecai* and at the ſuit of *Eſther* from the malice of *Haman*, ſeeing we can ſay in like manner with Chapter, 7.4. *We are ſold, we and our brethren* (the *Parliaments* proved friends) *to be deſtroyed ! to be ſlain ! and periſh :* (if the Lord prevent it not by a decree,) *but if we had been ſold for bondmen and bondwomen, we had held our tongues* (at this time) *although the enemy could not have countervailed the damage, to the Parliaments Interests and the Nations.*

From the very *frontiſpiece* and firſt *aſpect* of this frightfull *conſpiracy*, it is eaſie to conjecture with whom they would have ſtriken Tally ; and what it is they moſt atempted, when they ſeduced and ſuborned the deſperate Souldiers to ſell their own *Officers*, and ſacrifice them to their wills and pleaſures ; or that made them ply the *Fort of Duncannon* with ſuch tempting meſſages to the poor Souldiers there, to do the like with Lieutenant *Generall Ludlow*, offering the Souldiers to make them *Officers*, pay them *Arrears*, and what not ? (for there *perſidy*) if they would throw their noble *Generall* over the walls to their armed tyranny ; but if not, then they they ſhould be ſent to the *Barbadoes* and the like ; yea, with what intentions they have drawn up ſo diſingenuous unworthy and Monſtrous charge againſt that (ever Honourable) Lt. *Generall Ludlow*, and thoſe *worthies of Parliament Commiſſioners* there) whom they have ungratefully traduced,

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is intended by all, yet of this we are sure it is designed by some to *Remove* or *Ruine* them as an Introduction to *Charles Stuart* and that Government again, which till the *Seſſaries* be down they can never get up with such *Facillity* as well as *Force* and *Fallacy*. And we wish this were not the *Grand Inducement* of others here to destroy them (or rather the *Parliaments* best *Friends* by that name) as well as of those in unhappy *Ireland*, who *Contrive* and *Retrive* it with so much *heat*, as the most plausible *string* to play upon. *But have respect (O Lord) unto thy Covenant! for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of Cruelty!* And however it be, yet God is good to *Israel*, and to all those who are of an upright heart! *He shall judge the poor of the people! he shall save the children of the needy, & shall break in pieces the Oppressor!* For the Lord TRYETH THE RIGHTEOUS, but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Return! (O Lord) Return, for thy Servants sake! the Tribes of thine Inheritance.



TO THE READER.

READER,

T*His faithful Representation was prepared and intended to have been presented to the Parliament, or given in to the honourable Members thereof by divers worthy Persons (and no Anabaptists) who came out of Ireland, on purpose to make known her CRY! and CASE! (if possible that the Common Weale might once more emerge and rise above the waves of that Common Wo and Calamity there threatned!) but since that the last Alterations, Force and Guards upon the HOUSE, the Irish Declaration for a Free Parliament, hath so far opened their Aim and Design all along, their CONTEMPT of this Parliament of the Common Wealth; their INTENT of Reducing to the old slavery and Constitution, as no more need be said but this, that this horrid PLOT was laid in Ireland, before the unhappy Interruption of Parliament in England, October last, and is not yet fully executed*

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or discovered! For some there be that insist upon a Full and Free Parliament, as it was Anno 1642. before the Lords Spiritual were turn'd out! and what may be the the next Step or Motion must be left to Time; only this we foresee, and so expect at their hands, that neither Reason nor Candour must draw us as Men or Christians, but Tyranny and Terroure drive us as Beasts to be slain or sold for a company of Slaves, (for our fidelity to the Parliament and the Cause) seeing whiles they pretend a **FREE PARLIAMENT**, they have Forced **THIS P.** and contrary to all their Faith and Ingagements, set up their **SWORDS** against the **VOTES** Wisdom and Resolves of this Renowned Parliament, and what more Arbitrary? delivering up them that have adhered to them since Anno 1648. to utter Ruine, and what more Temerary or Unjust? if the God of all our Mercies and **DELIVERANCES** do not once more **SAVE** us! for his sweet Names-sake.

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